

Borough of Rocky Hill

Council Minutes

November 15, 2004

A regular meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough Council was called to order by Mayor Brian Nolan at 7:30 P.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our Country and a moment of silent meditation in memory of Nicholas Muccilli a long time resident of the Borough. It was announced that this meeting has been advertised in the Somerset Messenger Gazette issue of December 6, 2003 in accordance with “The Open Public Meetings Act”.

Roll Call:

Present

- Mr. Richard Batchelder
- Mr. Martin Engelbrecht
- Ms. Connie Hallman
- Ms. Peggy Harris
- Mr. George Morren
- Mr. Edward Zimmerman

Minutes

The minutes of the November 1, 2004 meeting of the Rocky Hill Borough were approved as presented with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.
The minutes of the Executive Session held on November 1, 2004 were approved as presented with a motion by Ms. Hallman, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.

Public Comment

Mr. Muser asked if the confusing speed limit signs along Princeton Avenue will be relocated and was told they will be moved.

State Police Report

SGT. Morenski stated it was a quiet month in Rocky Hill and he is sending more patrols to our Town. The Mayor and Council thanked SGT. Morenski for State Police Patrols on Halloween and he was asked to have a trooper here for the annual Tree Lighting.

Executive Session

Ms. Hallman made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss matters of possible litigation Schafer vs. Rocky Hill Borough, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call voted all present aye. 7:40PM.
Ms. Hallman made a motion to return to Public Session, second by Ms. Harris. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. 8:20PM.

Transfers

Mr. Batchelder moved by RESOLUTION the following transfers:

To	Account #1124 Planning Board Expense	\$12,500.00
From	Account #1136 Sanitation	5,000.00
From	Account #1301 Recreation	2,000.00
From	Account #1804 COAH Expense	1,000.00
From	Account #1110 Col. Expense	1,500.00
From	Account #1114 Gen Adm Expense	3,000.00

Bill List

Mr. Morren presented the following RESOLUTION:
WHEREAS THE TREASURER HAS CERTIFIED THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE TO PAY SAID VOUCHERS: BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT. Second by Ms. Hallman. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. See Appendix #1 for the Bill List.

Special Business

Mayor Nolan opened the Public Hearing on ORDINANCE 14-04 AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A FRANCHISE TO PATRIOT MEDIA TO OOPERATE CABLE TV IN ROCKY HILL BOROUGH. There was no Public Comment on the Ordinance.
Mr. Batchelder moved, second by Mr. Morren to adopt Ordinance 14-04 in final form. On a roll call vote all present voted aye.
Prior to asking for the introduction of ORDINANCE 17-04 Mayor Nolan read two letters one from him and one from Mr. David Schafer both letters thanking each other for cooperation in seeing this Ordinance though to this point.
Ordinance 17-04 AN ORDINANCE ADDING A AGE RESTRICTED/TRADITIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT-R-1C-ZONING DISTRICT, DELETING THE R-1A ZONING DISTRICT, MODIFYING RELATED PROVISIONS AND AMENDING THE DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS ORDINANCE 0F THE BOROUGH OF

ROCKY HILL, was moved on first reading by Ms. Harris, second by Mr. Batchelder. On a roll call vote all present voted aye. The Public Hearing and final adoption will be Monday December 20, 2004 at 7:30PM at Borough Hall. See appendix #2 for the Ordinance.

Ms. Hallman moved the RESOLUTION, second by Ms. Harris authorizing the Mayor and Borough Clerk to sign the settlement agreement between Mr. David Schafer and Rocky Hill Borough. See appendix #3 for the RESOLUTION.

Communications

They were discussed and ordered filed. It was said the Somerset County Park Commission and Freeholder Board approved the name of the park to be called Van Horne Park and the winners in the “ Name the Park Contest” were Ms. Jeanette Muser and Mr. Phillip Hayden. Mayor Wilson of Montgomery Twp. sent a letter to our Mayor stating a Rocky Hill sign was placed in one of her resident’s front yards. It will be removed. Rocky Hill Community Group has received a \$198,000.00 grant for work on the Community House. The grant was from the NJ Historic Trust.

Ms. Harris gave a year to date report from South Bound Brook Police Dept. and to date 914 summons have been issued in Rocky Hill by them.

Unfinished Business

Mayor Nolan said he attended the second bid opening of bids for the development of Van Horne Park and it is hoped a contract can be awarded after review.

New Business

The request from the Borough Clerk’s Office to include a Deputy Clerk at a salary of \$6000.00 was received positively by Councilmembers. The Deputy Clerk would take minutes at all Council Meetings and perform other functions as required. It was noted the Borough Web-Site changed servers and will be working soon.

Mr. Morren said the Borough Auditor and Borough Attorney are working to create a dedicated revenue for open space in the Borough.

It was stated the Tax Collector now has a Borough E-Mail Address.

Public Comment

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM with a motion by Mr. Morren, second by Mr. Batchelder. On a voice vote all present voted Aye.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond E. Whitlcok Jr.
Borough Clerk